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## 01/20/2011 Agenda

FRTG Proposed Agenda for Jan 20, 2011 ~

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1. ~Welcome .. Introductions ~

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2. Warrant article discussion/recap ..

To see if the Town will adopt the practice of appropriating to the Annual Reserve Fund an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the Town's annual appropriation, and use of the Annual Reserve Fund to fund unforeseen expenses incurred by all Town Departments (including the school department); or take any action related thereto.

3. Assessor and Land value issues/discussion .. Continuation of our discussions from the last several sessions .. Charlie Hayes provided the following potential topics/issues for discussion with the assessor/board of assessors at a future meeting (Feb?) ..

Many of these issues are process related .. But would be helpful information to obtain and share with the public .. And then of course Heather's land value topic would be something related to discuss with the assessor/board of assessors at that time as well

~ ~ ~ 1, Why do we have an assessment of property every three years? ~ Then a physical examination of all properties every 10 years.

~ ~ ~ 2, Are there land value taxes in different parts of the Town? ~If so, does that mean properties on Jason, Gray Streets or Morningside get relaxed tax considerations?

~ ~ ~ 3, What do the Assessors do? Are they working at the Town Hall or on call? How many Assessors do we need?

~ ~ ~ 4, What legal issues do land values involve?

~ ~ ~ 5, Appraised Personal property values are different from Commercial property values. Why the difference?

~ ~ ~ 6. Are you receptive to a cost study for land values in the Town for \$500.00?

4. Reports/Report generation

~ ~ .. My tax dollars (past/future) analyses/posting .. 2010 discussion with Deputy Town Mgr .. Peter to begin 2011 preparation process (Gordon to provide data)

~ ~ .. 5 Year Plan Retrospective Report .. Anticipated release/presentation date(s)

.. Fincom presentation (Feb) ..

.. Spring 2011 ATM presentation

5. Additional topics of discussion (time permitting)

~ ~.. Revolving funds (town and school) as a source of 'reserves'

~ ~.. Quarterly W/S billing redux  
 .. Community preservation act ~

~ ~.. Regionalization of service sets as an approach to increasing operational efficiencies

6. New business and meeting dates ~